Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar—The memberis referred to the answer to question No. 93 of the Vrischigam sitting.

The annual arecanut produce in the several taluks of the State.

414. **Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.**—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state the total yearly arecanut produce from the Talappalli Taluk, Trichur Taluk and Chittur Taluk separately for the last ten years and that for all the remaining taluks together for the same period, and what is the total number of arecanut trees in each of the above taluks?

(b) What was the average price of arecanut during the month of Chingam, Kanni and Thulam separately during the last ten years?

Rao Sahib T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar. — (a) Adding 15 % to the Settlement figures as increase due to new plantings during the last 16 years, the total number of arecanut trees in the State is roughly estimated at 62,27,203 on the basis of the actual number of trees counted at the time of the Settlement operations from 1081-1084. Distributed by taluk, the number will be for:

Cochin-Kanayannur	..	8,32,774
Mukundapuram	....	17,28,514
Trichur	..	11,45,972
Talappalli	..	22,44,619
Chittur	....	87,268
Cranganur	..	1,88,056
Total		62,27,203

Calculating the annual produce of arecanut palms to be worth 2 as. per tree, the value of the total yield will be Rs. 7,78,400, as shown below:—

Cochin-Kanayannur	..	Rs. 1,04,100
Mukundapuram	....	,, 2,16,100
Trichur	..	,, 1,43,200
Talappalli	....	,, 2,80,600
Chittur	...	,, 10,900
Cranganur	...	,, 23,500
Total		Rs. 7,78,400

It is not possible to give any further information.

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(b) Government have no information with them on the subject.

The number of Village Parvatiakkarans, etc., in the State.

415. Mr Chakko Cheruvathur.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of Village Parvatiakkarans, Menons and Revenue Inspectors in the State ;

(b) the total number among them of (1) Brahmins (2) Nayars (3) Ezhuvas (4) Christians and (5) Muhammadans ?

(c) How many applications there were from each caste men and how many from each caste were entertained during the last six years?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) The total number of Village Parvatiakkarans, Menons and Revenue Inspectors in the State is 161, 196, and 21 respectively.

(b) A statement giving the information asked for is appended. (*Vide Appendix VI.*)

(c) It is not possible to furnish the statistics asked for without examining the files of the last six years.

The complaint regarding the location of the Ottupara tollgate.

416. Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has received any complaint regarding the location of the Ottupara tollgate in the midst of the Ottupara bazaar near Vadakkancheri ?

(b) If so, when were the complaints received, and how were they disposed of, and what were the reasons for so disposing of those petitions?

(c) Did the Vadakkancheri Panchayat make any requisition to the Government for the removal of the tollgate from its present site? Will the Government be pleased to place upon the table the papers connected with that requisition, the proceedings taken by the Government thereon and the decision of the Government ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) & (b) Yes. There was a petition received by the Government in 1097 complaining against the location of the tollgate at Ottupara.

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